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STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR CH'ENG CH'IEN

Governor Ch'eng Ch'ien of Eunan Province has issued a statement in which he emphasized the universal desire for peace that pervades the people of Eunan and of the whole country. He deplored the waste of manpower represented by the millions of men under arms in the regular and irregular forces on both sides, and warned that the Chinese people are faced with the possibility of extinction if the civil war continues. In regard to his possibion on the CCP list of war oriminals, he asserted that he does not care to argue his imposmote of any war orimes, but is willing to take his chances in a fair trial by the people.

Governor Ch'eng said that Hunan belongs to the Hunanese, just as China belongs to all Chinese, and that he cannot admit that a minority should set itself vy as master and decide the destiny of the majority. He said that he would seek to concert the people's strength to prevent the miseries of war in Bunan, and preserve social order. He requested the people of Hunan to desist from spreading alarms and runors, and to continue normal activities.

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